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ECONOMIC CONDITION OF FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been conducting studies of the economic condition of the farmers in phases;

(b) if so, the outcome of the first phase of the study titled `State of Indian Farmers − A Millennium Study`; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A Study titled `State of the Indian Farmers − A Millennium Study` has been sponsored by the Government. During the first phase of the Study, 26 teams of authors have been engaged by three leading academic institutions to write analytical papers on various topics within the broad area of agriculture. These papers will document the policies and programmes followed during last fifty years, together with their impact on the well-being of the farmers. The Government has not yet received the final version of all these papers. As part of Phase-II of theStudy, a Situation Assessment Survey on professional and economic conditions of the farmers is being carried out by National Sample Survey Organization.The field work for this all-India Survey commenced in January, 2003 and will continue till December, 2003.

(c): It is hoped that the papers written in Phase-I and the findings of the Survey will help thefuture planners and policymakers to draw meaningful conclusions from past experiences. There is a proposal to publish the papers and results of the Survey for widest dissemination.